

THE COST OF ENTERTAINMENT: Christians in the United States spend several times more money on leisure activities than on mission work and benevolent outreach. *U.S. News and World Report* estimated that Americans (at least half of whom are church members and many more of whom claim to be Christians) spend over **\$244 billion on leisure activities** each year. The gap between leisure spending and benevolent giving is staggering. Here is a partial listing of some 1980 leisure expenditures in the United States:

- \$8.6 billion on sporting goods
- 7.3 billion on new and used boats, fuel, docking, maintenance, and other expenses for boat recreation
- 2.0 billion on recreational vehicles
- 2.6 billion on movie tickets
- 25.6 billion on stereos, television, and video games

And so the list continues! There is nothing wrong with enjoying the good things of life. But in a hungry world, there should be some kind of reasonable limits on what we spend to enjoy life!

We sometimes make the mistake of assuming that spending money is the same as having fun. That is not always the case! Advertising and the pressure of others sometimes causes us to feel that the more money we have, the better life will be. But how much is enough? And what things bring real pleasure?

Billionaires Extraordinaire

The world's richest people, according to *Fortune* magazine

1. Sultan Hassanah Bolkiah, 41, Brunei	\$25 billion
2. King Fahd, 67, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	\$20 billion
3. Sam Moore Walton, 69, Bentonville, Ark.	\$8.7 billion
4. Samuel I. Newhouse Jr., 59, and Donald E. Newhouse, 58, New York	\$7.5 billion
5. Queen Elizabeth II, 61, London	\$7.4 billion
6. Kenneth Colin Irving, 88, St. John, Canada	\$6 billion
7. Lester Crown, 62, Chicago, Ill.	\$5.7 billion
8. Kenneth R. Thomson, 64, Toronto, Ontario	\$5.5 billion
9. Forrest E. Mars Sr., 83, Las Vegas, and Forrest E. Mars Jr., 56, and John F. Mars, 53, McLean, Va.	\$5 billion
10. Albert Reichmann, 58, Paul Reichmann, 56, and Ralph Reichmann, 53, Toronto	\$5 billion
11. Sheikh Jaber Al Sabah, 61, Kuwait	\$5 billion
12. Queen Beatrix, 49, The Hague, Netherlands	\$4.4 billion
13. Sid Richardson Bass, 44, Edward Perry Bass, 42, Robert Muse Bass, 39, and Lee Marshall Bass, 31, Fort Worth, Texas	\$4 billion
14. Gerald Grosvenor, 35, London, England	\$4 billion
15. Edgar M. Bronfman Sr., 58, New York, and Charles R. Bronfman, 56, Montreal	\$3.6 billion
16. Godfried Brenninkmeyer, age unknown, Amsterdam	\$3.4 billion
17. John Werner Kluge, 73, Charlottesville, Va.	\$3.1 billion
18. Henry Lea Hillman, 68, Pittsburgh	\$3 billion
19. Charles Koch, 51, Wichita, Kan., and David Koch, 47, New York	\$3 billion
20. David Packard, 75, Los Altos Hills, Calif.	\$3 billion
21. Whitney MacMillan, 58, and Cargill MacMillan Jr., 60, Minnetonka, Minn.	\$2.9 billion
22. Friedrich Karl Flick, 60, Munich, West Germany	\$2.8 billion
23. Johanna Quandt, 65, Kiel, West Germany	\$2.8 billion
24. Johannes Thum Und Taxis, 61, West Germany	\$2.8 billion
25. Anne Cox Chambers, 67, Atlanta, and Barbara Cox Anthony, 64, Honolulu	\$2.5 billion

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